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SENATE BILL

No. 797

Introduced by Senator Machado

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 125705 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 797, as amended, Machado. Health: osteoporosis screening.

Existing law establishes the California Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program administered by the State Department of Health Services.

Existing law requires the department, in consultation with the California Department of Aging, to convene an advisory panel of persons with specified knowledge and expertise to guide the program's development.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with the advisory panel, to develop a program to provide osteoporosis screening services to eligible individuals *annually during the month of May, and other times during the year that the department and other participating groups deem appropriate*, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 125705 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

125705. (a) In consultation with the advisory panel convened pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 125703, the department shall develop a *community-based* program to provide osteoporosis screening *and outreach* services to eligible individuals ~~that includes annually during the month of May, and other times during the year that the department and other participating groups deem appropriate. The program shall include all of the following:~~

(1) Screening for osteoporosis using a technology that has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

(2) ~~Medical~~ Providing medical referral of screened individuals for services necessary for definitive diagnosis.

(3) Assistance and advocacy to help the person obtain necessary treatment if a definitive diagnosis is made. *This assistance may include providing a referral to a primary care provider or clinic to provide followup medical care on a continuous basis as well as providing information on personal preventive measures, such as lifestyle changes to diet, exercise habits, and alcohol or tobacco use, and information on currently available medical therapies.*

(4) *Providing the public with information about the need for individuals who are at risk for osteoporosis to receive screening, and how they may receive access to the screening services offered by the state, as part of the public awareness campaign conducted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 125703.*

(b) An individual ~~is~~ *shall be* eligible to receive the services if he or she meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The individual is a California resident.

(2) The individual is uninsured.

(3) The individual is over 50 years of age or has experienced the onset of menopause, whichever occurs first.

(4) The individual's family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

(c) The department ~~may coordinate with appropriate~~ *shall coordinate and partner with existing* federal, state, and local agencies, community organizations, and health care providers ~~that offer osteoporosis screening services to bring screening services~~

1 *the services specified in this section to the community in a*
2 *cost-effective, accessible manner.*

3 *(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that these services be*
4 *offered for a period of one calendar month each fiscal year of*
5 *operation, in conjunction with events related to National*
6 *Osteoporosis Month in May, and that these services may be offered*
7 *at other times during the year if the department and other*
8 *participating groups deem it appropriate. It is further the intent of*
9 *the Legislature that governmental agencies, community*
10 *organizations, and health care providers that participate in*
11 *providing these services offer services to eligible individuals to the*
12 *greatest extent practicable.*

13 *(e) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as requiring the*
14 *department to purchase or operate an osteoporosis screening*
15 *device.*

